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REMARKS

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1. Between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 21 April 1953, Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield was occupied by the following aircraft:

60 MiG-15s, including 13 in front of the hangars on the eastern edge of the pyrotechnic plant, on which maintenance or overhauling work was in progress, 22 on the dispersal area near the flight control station, 24 in or next to the revetments near Badener Strasse, and 1 in the Theresien aircraft repair shop.

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These MiG-15s had red or light blue stripes about 10 cm wide along the upper edge of the rudder assembly:

9 twin-jet planes near the flight control station, including 7 with blue stripes on the upper edge of the rudder assembly; 6 single-engine planes, 3 biplanes and about 10 Ps-2s near the large temporary building at the northeastern end of the pyrotechnic plant.

At 11 a.m., 2 MiG-15s simultaneously landed at the field. There was a 0/10 overcast, a northeasterly wind of about 10 km/h and good visibility. No more air activity was observed. There was intensive activity at the field and near the aircraft, which were parked in or near the revetments. Many trucks, van-like trucks, tank trucks and small Moskvich van-like trucks and trucks with mounted searchlights were observed at the field.

2. The AA gun emplacements along Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road and near Badener Strasse were occupied by guns. About 15 trucks were parked in the vicinity. Punks apparently underground quarters had been built near the AA gun emplacements. Chimneys and roofs projected beyond the ground and billeting equipment was seen nearby. Range finders were observed near the AA gun emplacements between the church and the Woellersdorfer Strasse railroad stop. They were connected with telephone lines to the other AA gun emplacements. There were also underground bunkers. No

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changes were observed on the radio installations near which brick buildings were recently erected.

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3. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the Artillerie Kaserne which was occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 10 motor vehicles and radio truck [redacted] with a rod antenna were parked in the barracks yard.

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[redacted] The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. It was apparently slightly occupied. Three motor vehicles were parked in the barracks yard. A sizeable amount of coal was piled up and more coal was being unloaded from two trucks.

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[redacted] Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were posted at the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt were almost no activity was observed. Six motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in the yard and the garages. The villas west of the pyrotechnic plant were occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Bunkers, technical installations and workshops were apparently located in the area of the pyrotechnic plant, the former Woellersdorfer Plant. Besides the aforementioned MiG-15 with [redacted] disassembled controls and tail, 3 Pe-2s and 1 Li-2 were parked in front of the two small hangars at Theresienfeld airfield.

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4. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 22 April, the following aircraft were observed at the field:

63 MiG-15s including 24 fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks, parked in rows of four staggered to the rear, with noses pointing to the south, the left wing at the westernmost revetments at Badener Strasse; 9 at the eastern edge of the pyrotechnic plant; and 30 on the dispersal area near the flight control station;

9 twin-jet planes on the dispersal area near the flight control station;

6 single-engine planes;

3 biplanes near the flight control station or on the eastern edge of the pyrotechnic plant;

About 10 Pe-2s in the depression in front of the pyrotechnic plant. There was a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,900 meters, almost no wind, and light haze. Between 9:54 and 9:57 a.m. the 24 MiG-15s parked in rows took off from north to south, developing large plumes of dust. At 10:17 a.m., a sizable number of aircraft crossed the field from north to south. The planes flew behind the clouds. At the same time, an individual MiG-15 [redacted] crossed the field and landed at 10:22 a.m.

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25X1 Another MiG-15 [redacted] landed at 10:23 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. a formation of 8 MiG-15s flying in echelon formation to the right at an altitude of about 400 meters crossed the field from north to south. The fifth plane showed poor formation discipline.

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No more landings were made until 2 p.m. After air activity was discontinued the aircraft were towed by trucks to the eastern edge of the pyrotechnic plant where aircraft revetments were also located.

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25X1 [redacted] The depression in front of the pyrotechnic plant can only be observed from the hills near Wiener Neustadt. This explains why no information on the presence of Pe-2s in Wiener Neustadt has been received since 12 March. The construction of semi-underground quarters near the AA gun emplacements was also observed from East Germany. Formation flying observed on 22 April was probably connected with maneuvers since a total of 24 MiG-15s took off but only one unit, probably a squadron, landed at the field until 2 p.m.

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